

February 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Subject: Continuation of support for the Emergency  
Petroleum Allocation Program conducted by  
the Federal Energy Office

During the past three months, the energy crisis has caused Federal energy management efforts to assume an even greater importance to the Nation. The energy programs have received considerable support from Federal agencies, particularly the commendable efforts in assisting in the establishment of the Federal Energy Office (FEO) and its ten regional offices. To maintain the momentum generated to meet the President's goals, we must ask for the extension of those staff presently detailed to FEO regional offices and the provision of a small number of additional qualified detailees upon FEO request.

The energy program has been expanded beyond the initial mandatory middle distillate allocation effort to include energy conservation, resource development, information acquisition, and price administration as well as mandatory allocation controls on nearly all petroleum products. The ten FEO regional offices are implementing the majority of the regulations of the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Program. Operationally, their focus has been on issuing allocation directives, interpreting regulations, processing cases to allocate the short supply of petroleum products, responding to the continuing inundation of State government and public inquiry, and particularly, seeking to equitably distribute the available supplies of middle distillates (including heating fuels) and motor gasoline. Significant citizen conservation efforts coupled with a mild winter are assisting in managing the middle distillate shortfall; however, allocation of other petroleum products and current transportation fuel problems will continue to require the close attention of FEO allocation staff.

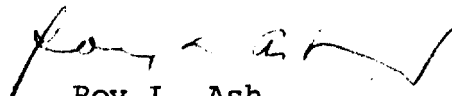
The FEO is seeking to permanently appoint qualified staff within budget levels authorized by existing legislation. Until the proposed Federal energy legislation is acted upon, the FEO headquarters and regional offices will not be able

to fully staff the offices with permanent employees. It is, therefore, necessary to receive continued support of Federal agencies by extending current detailees from 60 to 90 days depending upon the needs of each FEO regional office.

FEO Regional Directors will contact each of your Regional Director/Administrators to tailor a specific plan for each of the 10 regions. The continued support of the Federal Regional Councils and the Federal Executive Boards will be requested.

To assure the continued support by all Federal departments and agencies, I would appreciate greatly you advising all your employees of the need to respond promptly to requests from the FEO for extension of detailee staff resources and additional detailees. Although the FEO regional offices will directly contact your field personnel, the appended requests should be immediately acted upon by your headquarters office and directives transmitted to the field.

I am sure you remain cognizant of the importance the President places on the energy program and that you will support this effort by ensuring the continued cooperation of your agency at every level.

  
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